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In Re Application of:

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Title: DUAL-PURPOSE PRIMERS AND PROBES FOR PROVIDING ENHANCED HYBRIDIZATION ASSAYS BY

DISRUPTION OF SECONDARY STRUCTURE FORMATION

PETITION TO CORRECT ORDER OF INVENTORS

Mail Stop Petition

Director for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.182, applicants respectfully request that the Director correct the order of inventors for the instant application from John J. Quinn, Minxue Zheng, and Brian Warner to the following order of inventors:

Minxue Zheng, John J. Quinn, and Brian Warner

The \$400.00 fee required for this petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(f) accompanies this paper. Applicants understand that the order of inventors is of no consequence insofar as the legal rights of the joint applicants are concerned. Attached to this paper is an Application Data Sheet showing the order of inventors as set forth in this petition. Any questions regarding this paper or the application in general may be addressed to the undersigned attorney at 650-251-7713 or kcanaan@mintz.com.

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